Call to order

Approval of the minutes of February 13, 2014

Report of the Executive Committee
1. Creation of an ad hoc Committee on Faculty Manual Update & Revisions

Remarks by the Chancellor

Scheduled remarks:
1. Brett Sweet, Vice Chancellor for Finance: Vanderbilt University Retirement Plan Oversight

New Business
1. Motion presented by Richard Willis, Senate Affairs Committee, regarding University Standing Committees
2. Motion presented by Richard Willis, Senate Affairs Committee, regarding Senate sponsorship of C.A.R.E. committee’s event

Good of the Senate

Adjournment


Voting Members absent: Anderson, K., Barnes (regrets), Bachorowski, Blume, Clark, Dever (regrets), Driskill, Enterline, Fogo, Fountain, Gigante, Greer, Guthrie (regrets), Hall, D., Hasty, Johnson, M. E., Johnson, J., Johnston, J. (regrets), Jrade (regrets), Marcus (regrets), Maroney (regrets), Mihalik, Mulvaney, Niswender (regrets), Powers (regrets), Price (regrets), Reside, Schoenfield (regrets), Slayton, Smrekar, Steiger, Townes, Tsinakis (regrets), Wait, Watters (regrets), Wehby, Wright, Wright-Rios.

Ex Officio Members present: Bandas, Cyrus, Fife, March, McNamara, Stalcup, Sweet, Wente, Zeppos.
Ex Officio Members absent: Anderson, A. (regrets), Bernard (regrets), Dowell, Fortune, Hall, A., Lutz, McCarty (regrets), Miller, Raiford, Wcislo, Williams.

Call to order
Chair Donald Brady called the meeting to order

Approval of the minutes of February 13, 2014
There was a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2014 senate meeting. The motion was seconded. There was discussion about the motion. The motion was adopted and the minutes were approved.

Report of the Executive Committee
Chair Brady gave the report of the Executive Committee (EC):

The EC has had regular meetings with university leadership and discussed with them the plans for a senate committee on faculty manual update and revision, Greek Life on campus, and the strategic planning process. The EC received an update from the Senate subcommittees as to their progress in working through their charges. The EC discussed again the Faculty Manual revision plan and reaffirmed that the amount of work and time needed to accomplish the task was best addressed with creating an ad hoc Committee of Faculty Manual Update and Revisions. The EC discussed a Senate Affairs proposal for enhancing the communication between university standing committees and the faculty senate the motion that is being brought to the March meeting. The EC discussed the process for soliciting nominations for Chair-Elect and Vice Chair-Elect for next year. The EC met with Brett Sweet, Rick Ohmer, and Traci Nordberg regarding the discussion for the March Senate meeting on the Retirement Plan Oversight Committee and the work being done by that group. The EC reviewed a draft survey created by APS to examine knowledge of and interaction with the Center for Technology Transfer and Commercialization and the related revenue sharing plan. The EC discussed future meeting agendas. No actions taken at EC meetings.

Remarks by the Chancellor
Chancellor Zeppos gave his report.

Scheduled remarks:
1. Brett Sweet, Vice Chancellor for Finance: Vanderbilt University Retirement Plan Oversight

Brett Sweet gave his presentation.

Old Business
There was none.
New Business

1. Motion presented by Richard Willis, Senate Affairs Committee, regarding University Standing Committees

Senator Richard Willis presented the motion:

“Proposed Motion:
• Whereas the University’s Standing Committees may consider matters pertinent to the functioning of the Faculty Senate, and
• Whereas the University’s Faculty Senate may consider matters pertinent to the functioning of the University’s Standing Committees, and
• Whereas the work of the University’s Standing Committees and the Faculty Senate may be interrelated and potentially duplicative, the Senate Affairs Committee recommends the adoption of the following motion:

The Faculty Senate recommends that:
• One or more current or former Faculty Senate representatives serve as a member or an ex-officio member on each of the following University Standing Committees:
  1. Athletics
  2. Calendar
  3. Faculty and Staff Benefits
  4. Religious Affairs
  5. Technology Review
  6. Traffic and Parking
• One or more academic year meetings of the Senate Affairs Committee shall include both the Chairs and the Faculty Senate representatives of the University Standing Committees noted above
• The Senate Affairs Committee shall establish a reciprocal flow of information between the Standing Committees and the Faculty Senate regarding work pertinent to the function of both groups.
• The Senate Affairs Charge as recorded in the Faculty Senate Constitution, Rules of Order, IV.1.4. be amended by addition to read:

“To be concerned with all matters pertaining to the functioning of the Senate. To be responsible for a continuing review of the Rules of the Faculty Senate, recommending new rules when appropriate, and assisting in the interpretation of existing rules. To consider proposed revisions of the Constitution of the Faculty Assembly and Faculty Senate when this duty is assigned by the Senate. To maintain at least yearly communication with the Staff Council leadership.” To maintain at least yearly communication with the following university standing committees: Athletics, Calendar, Faculty and Staff Benefits, Religious Affairs, Technology Review, and Traffic and Parking.”

The motion was seconded. There was discussion about the motion. Senator Wooders proposed an amendment. A ballot vote was requested with the vote on the amendment as follows: 20 no, 3 yes, 1 abstained. The amendment did not pass. A ballot vote was requested on the motion itself with the vote as follows: 22 yes, 1 no, 1 abstained. The motion was adopted.
2. Motion presented by Richard Willis, Senate Affairs Committee, regarding Senate sponsorship of C.A.R.E. committee’s event

Chair Donald Brady presented this motion on behalf of the Senate Executive Committee:

“Whereas the Vanderbilt University Staff Advisory Council (USAC) and the Vanderbilt Medical Staff Advisory Council (MCSAC) have formed the C.A.R.E. Committee (Civility, Appreciation, and Respectful Environments Committee) to address issues of workplace civility, and
Whereas the C.A.R.E. Committee has planned a kick-off event for Noon, March 25, 2014, in 208 Light Hall with presenters to include Provost Richard McCarty and Margie Gale, and
Whereas the C.A.R.E. Committee requests co-sponsorship of this event by the Faculty Senate with the USAC, the MCSAC, and VU Human Resources, and
Whereas the Senate Affairs Committee has participated with the planning of this event and asks that the Faculty Senate adopt the following motion:

The Faculty Senate recommends:
Co-sponsorship (in conjunction with the USAC, MCSAC, and Human Resources) the C.A.R.E. Committee’s inaugural event on Noon, March 25, 2014, Light Hall.”

The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The motion was adopted.

Good of the Senate

Chair Brady mentioned future speakers and the upcoming Spring Faculty Assembly. Senators Wooders mentioned issues with the Faculty Manual archives and gave her support for the ad hoc Faculty Manual committee.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:34pm.